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ABSTRACT

Suggesting that a literature-rich classroom environment encourages, supports, and celebrates the role of children's literature throughout every aspect of the elementary curriculum, this book presents plans, procedures, and units that engage teachers, stimulate students, and energize classroom learning environments. The first part addresses the structure and design of thematic units; the second part presents 19 thematic units of study. Each unit of study in the book contains an overview, "how it works," literature-related activities, a culminating activity, supplemental literature, and mini-themes. Chapters in the first part (Thematic Units: Structure and Design) are: (1) Developing and Using Thematic Units; (2) Strategies for Success; (3) Authentic Assessment; and (4) Parent and Community Involvement. The second part presents thematic units: The Changing Earth; Insects/Bugs; Dinosaurs; Growing Up; Holidays and Celebrations; Folktales from around the World; The Caldecott Award; Counting and Computations; Measurement and Sizes; Oceans; Space: The Final Frontier; Becoming a Nation; The Wild, Wild West; Poetry: The Words and the Music; Biography: Making a Difference; Meet the Newberys; Fractions; Geometry; and Art. (RS)